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EDITORIAL

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' MONDAY?

Last year this paper made an attempt to determine the extent of interest in chapel time change. As it now stands, each morning begins at 8:10a.m. with a brief chapel service, lead by different members of the student body. Unfortunately, attendance at these daily services has been limited to a small group of students and faculty.

In discussing this issue with some fellow students, we have determined that there are still some who feel that change is in order. How extensive this interest is remains to be seen. It is our hope that someone will soon feel moved to discover exactly how intense this feeling is, and we offer the services of THE SEMINARIAN in this endeavor.

THE SEMINARIAN would also endorse and support a move, on any level, to establish regular communion services on this particular campus. We have heard some say that our seminary should have a more regular and extensive worship life, which would include members from every segment of the community, and we agree wholeheartedly. Regular communion services and/or worship gatherings must be set up, with the hope that they will bring us all to a greater awareness of our relationship with our Creator. It is our hope that these regular services will soon come to pass!

THE SEMINARIAN

September 27th TODAY

8:30 - 10:00 -- Seniors Share
10:00- 10:30 -- Coffee, Refectory
10:30- 12:00 -- Middlers Share
1 :30- 3:00 -- Juniors Share
3 :00- 4:00 -- Communion Service
7 :30- -- Junior Class Meet
to elect Reps.
to S.C.C. (Admin.
Bldg.)

(The FORUM has been postponed
until further notice.)

GLASS RECYCLING CENTER OPEN

An outdoor glass recycling center is now open for business behind John Carr's Gulf Station at 900 Manor St. The center will be operated every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clear, brown and all shades of green glass can be brought to the center for recycling. The center will not take blue glass, bottle caps or window glass. Labels can be left on, but dirty bottles will not be accepted.

Sponsored by the Lancaster Jaycees, the center will be run with the assistance of young people from Manheim Twp. High School Key Club and other volunteers. The recycling center is strictly for Glasse.

INFINITY

to look and see nothing
to listen and hear nothing
to speak and not be spoken to
to fall, and never stop falling.

- Carol Haughton

PARABLE OF THE POOL

Once a small group of people recognized that their neighborhood was in trouble. The inhabitants were unhappy and self-centered with no sense of purpose, no feeling of community.

So the small group built a pool and opened it to the neighborhood and invited all they met to come and swim in the pool. And the people came and were happy there, and went out to invite others to join them in the pool.

The idea spread to other neighborhoods, and soon there were many places. Eventually they formed associations, such as the United Pool of Swimmers and the Synod of Swimming Pools, so that they could share their knowledge of pool operation and encourage the building of more pools.

It became obvious that pool people were happier than others, so nearly everybody joined a local pool, even those who had never learned how and those who didn't really like to swim. The non-swimmers sat on the edge of the pool, ate picnic lunches and exchanged critical remarks about swimming ability or diving form of the people in the water.

Since nearly everyone belonged, there was little need to go through the neighborhood inviting others to join, so the people spent more and more time at the pool. This increased the wear and tear, so they had to spend more time making repairs. They would drain the pool and seal the leaks and patch up the cracks.

The non-swimmers liked getting in the pool with everyone else to patch cracks—they were no longer on the edge. So it came to pass that the pool was empty more often than not while the people sealed and patched and painted the concrete. They ate their picnic lunches at the bottom of the dry pool, bringing chairs and tables and setting up beach umbrellas. Some even built outdoor barbeques and a volleyball court. And there was no need ever to fill the pool again.

Since there was no longer any water, many people stopped coming to the pool. Some did their swimming in ponds and streams. Others went to the Salvation Pool and the Full Gospel Pool, which always had water but which were heavily chlorinated.

But most just stayed in the neighborhood and were unhappy and self-centered with no sense of purpose, no feeling of community. The associations became aware that pool attendance was falling. They revised their book of Basic Swimming Instruction, and they issued pamphlets on recent advances in water filtration and algae control. When these aroused no enthusiasm, the association became exasperated and sent experts to visit local pools. They brought blueprints of improved diving boards, and they constantly stressed the need for more chlorine.

The local people didn't want to seem unappreciative, so many pools built new diving boards over their volleyball courts and put chlorine in the barbeque pits. The acrid smoke of the chlorine made the hamburgers taste funny, but the people wanted to do the right thing. Despite these efforts, people continued to drift away from the pools. There was great concern among pool administrators, and some of the younger ones said flatly, "Swimming is dead," and went for the golf clubs. But they were generally regarded as alarmists. Some associations merged with others, hoping to find one with more successful pools, but they all seemed to be about the same. Several are considering one huge merger into the Pool of Pooled Pools Uniting.

Most local pool people are skeptical of this plan of union. Some are afraid that their local pool will be closed down. All are convinced that they'll be forced to use more chlorine, which will make the hamburgers taste even worse.

A few left-wing radicals have proposed filling the pools with water, but they have attracted little following.

- Bertram Lynn -

FOOTBALL

The seminarians lost their first two games this year due to travel, but they have a 1-1 record in games played. The team is much improved over last year, but no rookies have come out to play so far. Could that be why they're improved?

ADVENTURE IN NEW YORK

New York can be a very interesting place to visit. The Junior class left for New York with this feeling. A visit to the U. N. was to be the high point of the trip.

Getting up at 5:00 a.m. was not the best way to begin a trip. However, the Juniors got on the bus in fine order for the bus ride to New York. Sleeping on the bus was the first organized activity, and under the fine example of Dr. Achtemeier, the Junior class followed suite.

Arriving in the "Big City" we were deposited at the Episcopal Center. We were greeted by Dr. Bartholomew and were soon into the program planned for us. The important point about that days program was the feeling most of us got for the work that the U. N. Development Programme was doing in the world.

There are 3,700 million people on this earth, and it seems that some times they are all working against each other. But the U. N. D. P. feels that what happens to any large part of us, for better or worse, cannot help but affect us all. The great question is, will technology be used for, or in opposition to, our mutual interest? The U. N. D. P. is one example among many of just such a partnership.

One of the bad points of the month can be pointed out with an example of what happened to a number of the group. While in New York, some of the Juniors happened upon a demonstration in Grand Central Station. The problem was that I myself, as one of the group, did not know what it was all about. It seems that we were so involved with our programs, that we did not know that people had been killed at Attica State Prison.

Probably the worst part of the month was the money that was spent by the individual Juniors. Some of us (married students), had spent up to \$50. It would not have been so bad if some kind of advance warning would have been given to us. It was an unexpected expense. I hope that this will not happen next year.

- Anthony Szilagyi -

IT HAPPENS IN THE CHURCH TOO!

There were alot of people around our campus on Saturday, the 25th of September. They were here for a combined meeting of the Council for Lay Life and Work; many ministers; conference officials; laymen; from the four Pennsylvania conferences; several faculty members and their wives, and some seminary students. The meeting was called a "Day of Exploration". That it was.

In a way too involved to be fully described here, this "meeting" became a real sharing between the participants over two of the four areas of emphasis of the 8th General Synod: the faith crisis and the local church.

I don't wish to summarize the events of the day, but I do wish to let everyone know that at least this instrumentality on the United Church of Christ has definite desire to find direction and purpose. What is encouraging is not that they seek to find ways in which to genuinely serve the Church of Jesus Christ and the people who comprise it.

The meeting had, of course, its problems, conflicts, and faults, but it also demonstrated some real soul searching reminiscent of the experiences we Middlers had in our Human Relations Laboratory this month. It was an effort to revitalize communication on the level which appreciates the value of honest dialogue. We don't have a monopoly on sensitivity. It's happening in the Church too!

- Stephen Cote -

FROM PENN SOUTHEAST SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WELFARE . . . It is reported that there will be a concentrated effort in the Pennsylvania legislature to cut back on public welfare costs - as part of the compromise worked out in the passage of the Governor's tax bill . . . The conservatives have reportedly formed a special "watchdog group" to keep an eye on the situation and prevent liberalizing of the public welfare program . . . This makes it more important than ever that those favoring

A.S.W. NEWS

The wives were there, the food was there, but where were the husbands? So started the initial meeting of the A.S.W.-as Always Separated Wives.

Due to the cooperation of Middler and Senior wives, Junior wives were spared another lonely meal. Following dinner, a short introduction of A.S.W. & its plans for the coming year were presented. Introductions were made and each respective committee chairman explained her committee and requested volunteers.

The Executive Council will meet on Monday, October 11th at 8:00 p.m. The program will center on the question of the Church and the Politics of Peace and War. The keynote speaker will be Mrs. Charles Halzinger, Chairwoman of Lancaster's Friends Peace Committee. Tentatively there will be another speaker representing an opposing position. This thought provoking and informative discussion is open to everyone in the community. The place is to be announced later on the bulletin board around campus.

This special session of the Executive Council would serve as excellent follow-up for the showing of the documentary film, "THE SELLING OF THE PENTAGON". This CBS controversial film will be shown in the Hafer Center of our library on October 8th, Friday, at 7:30. It may well be that some very important issues will arise from the viewing of this film, and it could be valuable to bring these discussion issues to this meeting with Mrs. Halzinger, in order to discover her views on them. See you there!

A.S.W.

To
look at my
reflection
in mirrors,
the measure of both
inward and
outward things,
is to
remember
imperfection and
be sad,
not for myself
you understand,
but that
I
am not a
more worthy
thing
for you to
love.

-- ANONYMOUS

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Last fall, in 32 Northern and Western states, 57 percent of the black pupils were in schools 80 to 100 percent black. The comparable figure in 11 Southern states was 42 percent! (from "City" magazine, May/June 1971)

SAYING OF THE WEEK

Nothing was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

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THINK!!!

If you were on trial today for being a Christian, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU?

PARKING

For those of you who have not yet acquired your seminary parking stickers, we have been informed that they must be displayed by Monday, September 27th. You can get yours from Doug Borko, Nevin Hall.

RIDING REVERANDS

Philadelphia, Penna. - Three Lancaster Seminary students walked into the 35th Police District in Philadelphia on Saturday evening, September 18, 1971, to participate in the "Riding Reverands" program. Their expectation was to experience part of the life of the city on a first hand basis. The next four hours of that evening went like this:

About a half hour before the Seminarians got there, there had been a fight between a 7 year old boy and an 11 year old boy on a train tressel in a near by train yard. The 11 year old allegedly pushed the 7 year old under a train which resulted in the loss of both of his legs above the knee. Shortly after this the Seminarians were standing in the station when the parents and the children came in. What do we say to them? What do we do? Confusion, depression and a hard realization of what it means to grow up in the inner city.

Each Seminarian was assigned to a patrol car and sent their separate ways. Some of the calls that night included: a disorderly house, a purse snatching, a disorderly crowd, a naked man in the street, burglary, and assault and battery. However, the event that night that took up the majority of every policeman's time was the gang fight between two of the largest gangs in the city—the Clang and the Summerville.

The call came through that there had been a shooting related to these gangs in the neighborhood. Lights flashed, sirens wailed as the cars raced toward the scene. When we got there, we found a 14 year old boy lying on the sidewalk bleeding. He had been shot in the back by a member of another gang. There was blood all over the street, people screaming, and crying, and seeking revenge. Again the same questions were asked by the in-experienced young riders. What shall we say to the life lying at our feet? What shall we do to save him, and all the others caught up in this mess? What should we feel at such a time as this? All of these questions have yet to be answered.

The rest of the night was spent in quietness and reflection in and out of the hospital emergency room.

In those four short hours spent in the very heart of the city, a whole lifetime's experience passed before us. Not only did we now better understand the city and what it means to grow up there, but also we came to a better understanding of ourselves.

In the future it is our hope that this program will be taken advantage of by other Seminarians interested in learning first hand about the very core of life. We therefore, highly recommend the "Riding Reverands" program to everyone and anyone.

- Carol Houghton -
- Brad Lutz -
- Barry Lohman -

ON USING A MAP

To get to a destination successfully, one must follow the available routes and by-ways. And to find out where the streams of pavement flow and intersect, one must use a "map".

In a like respect, the church has established goals and destinations, particularly social goals, toward which it is heading. However, for the Church to effect social change in the most efficient way, it must also follow established routes for change, i. e. existing routes within the different stratas of society and within business and industry. For the Church to find these established routes and intersections it would be convenient for the Church if it could also use a "map".

The next question would be, "Is there a "map" which shows the routes for social change that are open to the Church?" The answer is YES! Low and behold, there is MAP, Metropolitan Associates of Philadelphia.

More than most organizations because of its style and commitment, MAP is constantly called to face the question: "Whither thou goest?" They must constantly ask themselves where they are going and whether they are following paths which will lead to the accomplishment of their purposes. Probably their most pressing question, however, would be whether they are helping to develop "change agents" capable of

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impacting major problems of society?

The past months have involved agonizing, but recreative, reappraisal of their course by their staff and Board. Now, with new clarity, MAP is staking its future on the ability and willingness of the Church to be the key institution through which they can be most effective. Using their own action/research methods to examine their processes and strategy, it became clear to MAP that the structure needed to make most effective use of what they had to offer must:

- . . have an ideological, historical commitment to transforming society
- . . have a national and international channel of communication with potential change agents in existing institutions
- . . be theoretically independent from political control
- . . have established communities of support
- . . have structures for changing consciousness, and
- . . have within its structure a broad pluralistic representation of American culture

If you would like to know more about the activities and resources of MAP, write to: Metropolitan Associates of Philadelphia, 101 South 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 or call 215-922-5480.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND - 1 key in a washing machine in Bowman Hall. Resembles a car key.

If this is your key, check with the Business Office.

THE MAN who attempts something unusual is generally laughed at, if he fails, and hailed as a great guy if he succeeds.

A LETTER EXERPT

This is an exerpt from Dr. Englert's letter concerning a segment of the Senior Trip:

"This about our Tuesday with Niemoller. He had arranged to have a large room available in the church headquarters of which he was president for 17 years. (He refused the title of bishop, but he had the same power.) At 11:00 he spoke in English (greeted by students standing and applauding, as also at the end). He told of the rise of the opposition to Hitler in the German Church in the 30's, his part in it, and briefly of his seven years in concentration camps. His new wife (of several weeks) was also along. He is 79, but doesn't look it, and she is 45. At my suggestion he had arranged for a luncheon meeting at which they were our guests. Mrs. Meisters, the Philadelphia widow whose husband had been a U-boat commander with Miemoller in World War I, also showed up. It was through her that I got Pastor Niemoller to talk to us. Then Tuesday afternoon we drove to Mainz and stayed overnight at Gossner Haus. Unfortunately Horst Symanowski was in Africa at their mission, but we met Mrs. Symanowski. After a typical student meal in the University dining hall across the street, we had two American theological students talk to us about their intern year, working in German factories and working among the German men there."

The Sea is the End of Land,
The dawn is the end on night,
Death is the end of life,
Love is the start of living.
So I come here,
in the dawn
among the living
and gaze out to sea
in search of a beginning.

CERTAINLY YOU can't fool
all of the people all of
the time. Quite a few of
them are busy fooling you.
